

[This is a partial transcript of a tape of a 1977 appearance by Michael Eddowes and Elmer Gertz on Chicago radio station WGN. Jeff Meek sent me the tape in response to a recent tabloid article (#1980.583) on Novotny and JFK.]

[Host, reintroducing guests after commercial break:] ... Our guests tonight: Elmer Gertz, Professor of Law at the John Marshall Law School, author of the book "Moment of Madness: The People vs. Jack Ruby" ... and Michael Eddowes, a British solicitor who is the author of the book "The Oswald File," that book just published in this country by Potter, and I should make clear, I suppose, Mr. Eddowes, that you did the research on this book over a period of some 12 years or more.

Eddowes: Fourteen years. I started 5 months before Kennedy was killed.

Host: Five months before Kennedy was killed?

Eddowes: In June 1963.

Host: What was there to investigate before Kennedy was killed?

Eddowes: Well, in London, I was the patient of a London osteopath, Dr. Stephen Ward. He was a very distinguished osteopath, aged 50; he treated Winston Churchill, members of the cabinet, and lots of lesser people like myself; actresses, all sorts of people.

Host: And John Profumo, as I remember it.

Eddowes: Well, he knew him, but he didn't treat him. Now, Stephen Ward was a great friend of Captain Evgeny Ivanov, who was a Russian intelligence officer stationed in London - of course, nobody knew that Ward's friend was a Russian intelligence officer; he had a cover post of a Naval attaché. I came by certain information as I was a student [sic] of Stephen Ward; I heard [one or two] (?) telephone calls while he was treating me, and so on; and I put in a [re]port - a false-report to security, 6-page report, I took to my own lawyers, then to counsel, who gave it to security, saying that the unfortunate Mr. John Profumo was sharing a girl with a Russian naval attaché; I didn't know he was a Russian intelligence officer. I was told to drop it by the authorities. I didn't drop it, and three months later John Profumo confessed that he had lied in the House of Commons, and he resigned as minister for war, and his membership in Parliament, of course. Well, I had some leads to New York, because I got very interested in this; I realized it was far more serious; and as you see at the beginning of my book, as I came to New York, at the invitation of the Journal-American - they wanted me to write six (?) articles for them, I said yes; they said they'd pay my expenses, I said no, I don't want any expenses paid; all I want is for you to find out a bit of information for me. I won't tell you what it was, but I wanted a piece of information. They agreed to do this; in fact, they did find it out for me, but I had to come to New York to get it. While I was in New York, a couple of days after I'd arrived, John, er, John, Malone, head of the New York FBI, asked if he could see me; I consented, of course; I had my assistant, who was an ex-policeman, with me; and we had three long two-hour interviews; and the result of those interviews were [sic] that I had [possibly just "I," but I think "I had] discovered that the group in London who'd destroyed Profumo had sent a young woman to New York, Maria Novotny, to destroy the character of President Kennedy. She was the cousin of President Novotny of Czechoslovakia. This is a fact! She said all this herself in the press in the last - 1972, she told the whole story. She came here to destroy the character of President Kennedy between his election and inauguration. Absolutely fantastic story. And I suppose these three interviews are the most dramatic moments in my life; because in addition to that, the most extraordinary thing happened - the Pentagon, when the FBI's seen me a couple of times, got in touch with the newspaper and asked if I could get some information when I returned to London about the penetration of the relay and communications department of NATO, situated Rícey-Prest [phonetic] outside London. I said, well, in view of the reports I put in to security, I don't think anybody I mentioned in my report will be wanting to speak to me again.... [Eddowes call this secret office - the Pentagon gave the newspaper man a secret number - and confirmed that Sgt. X knew Miss X, which proved that the group had penetrated NATO; 3 men flown back to London; this was in the papers.] So [this] whole adventure

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of mine, lasting 10 days in New York, was crammed with drama - I didn't know where I was! It was - I had gone thinking it was a Russian conspiracy, in England - sure of it, in fact, because I had met this man Ivanov; but when I got to the states, by Jove, the same thing's been going on here! Then, when President Kennedy was killed, I thought, those who've attempted to assassinate his character would [will?] be number one on my list of suspects for killing the man himself. That's how it all arose. So I did start my investigation five months before.

Host: Fascinating.... Eddowes: Unbelievable, actually....